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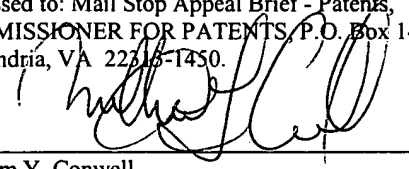
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

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Sir,

Responsive to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed May 10, 2005, appellants respectfully submit that the Brief is compliant.

The Notification states:

*The Appeal Brief lacks the statements regarding issues on appeal and grouping of claims. Correction is required.*

Appellants respectfully submit that the cited requirements for statements regarding "Issues on Appeal" and "Grouping of Claims" have been superseded by new PTO rules.

New PTO rules for the content of an Appeal Brief took effect on September 13, 2004, as detailed in Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 155, pp. 49960 *et seq*, and in new part 41 of 37 CFR. A PTO-prepared set of training slides about the new requirements is at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/presentation/bpaislidestext.htm>

As detailed in the training slides, an Appeal Brief is to now include a "Grounds of Rejection" heading, which replaces the former "Issues for Review" and "Grouping of Claims" headings. The slides note:

**6. Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal** (replacing "issues for review" and "grouping of claims").

- Example: Claims 1 to 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. X.

In accord is the Federal Register discussion, which notes (at page 49962):

*The grouping of claims requirement set forth in former Rule 192(c)(7) is removed.*

The Appeal brief filed on March 4, 2005, is in compliance with the current requirements. It includes a section headed "Grounds of Rejection," which follows the model language set forth in the PTO training slides.

Reconsideration is solicited. If any further issue remains, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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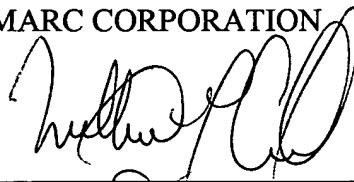
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